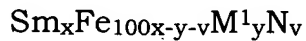


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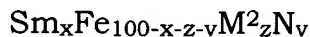
1. (canceled)

2. (previously presented) A flaky, isotropic SmFeN powdery magnet material prepared by roll-quenching a molten alloy and nitriding the alloy powder thus obtained to form a magnet alloy; the magnet alloy having an alloy composition of the formula, by atomic %:



wherein M^1 is at least one member selected from the group consisting of Hf and Zr; $7 \leq x \leq 12$ and $0.1 \leq y \leq 1.5$ and $0.5 \leq v \leq 20$, a TbCu_7 crystal structure, and flakes with a thickness of 10-40 μm .

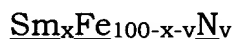
3. (previously presented) A flaky, isotropic SmFeN powdery magnet material prepared by roll-quenching a molten alloy and nitriding the alloy powder thus obtained to form a magnet alloy; the magnet alloy having an alloy composition of the formula, by atomic %:



wherein M^2 is at least one member selected from the group consisting of Si, Nb, Ti, Ga, Al, Ta and C; $7 \leq x \leq 12$, $0.1 \leq z \leq 1.0$ and $0.5 \leq v \leq 20$, a TbCu_7 crystal structure, and flakes with a thickness of 10-40 μm .

4 -7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A flaky, isotropic SmFeN powdery magnet material ~~according to claim 1, wherein the magnet powder has~~ prepared by roll-quenching a molten alloy and nitriding the alloy powder thus obtained to form a magnet alloy; the magnet alloy having an alloy composition of the formula, by atomic %:



wherein $7 < x \leq 12$ and $0.5 \leq v \leq 20$, a TbCu₇ crystal structure, flakes with a thickness of 10-40 μm , and an intrinsic coercive force of 7 kOe or higher.

9-14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) A powdery magnet material according to Claim 2 wherein up to 30 at.% of Sm is substituted with Ce.

16. (previously presented) A powdery magnet material according to Claim 3 wherein up to 30 at.% of Sm is substituted with Ce.

17. (previously presented) A powdery magnet material according to Claim 2 wherein up to 30 at.% of Sm is substituted with a rare earth metal other than Ce.

18. (previously presented) A powdery magnet material according to Claim 3 wherein up to 30 at.% of Sm is substituted with a rare earth metal other than Ce.

19-20. (canceled)